OPEN LETTER —

Dear Sodal - Sal -

"To a tale of woe we carry with us this month. If you will recall, last month you read a letter, in this very same column, about the hopes we had for this page. This month — we're still HOPING! That is all we have been able to do!

We asked your help, suggestions and ideas in making this page really "yours" but, evidently some people didn’t take us seriously. Let me put you "straight", we weren’t "kidding"! This page is going to be edited each and every month, even if it puts some of us on the "retired" list in some special state — sub-divided "hall of fame"!

How about it people? Get out "jumping" and wham your suggestions this way — we know your fairly busting with ideas, so how about tossing a couple our way? And sa-a-y, we still haven’t a name for this "page" of ours and we don’t like being heathens too long. We have received several suggestions, but to choose from them wouldn’t be quite fair, for we know that more people than that have ideas.

To make things short and sweet, sort of keep in the back of your mind to — WRITE — RIGHT NOW!

Hoping you won’t let us down — SODAL — SAL

F. S. — Hope you all aren’t working on commision with the Bromo-Seltzer people for we sure are using plenty now, but don’t expect to and the sudden drop in sales wouldn’t go so well. But, don’t let that stop you — send in your ideas — we do so want to know about them!

Archbishop Stritch Acknowledges Sodality Union’s Greetings

Irene Pakelis, thoughtful president of the L. C. S. U. sent her congratulations to the newly appointed Cardinal Samuel A. Stritch on behalf of the Sodalities in the L. C. S. U.

The Cardinal, ever appreciative of congratulations, sent Irene the following letter:

ARCHBISHOP’S HOUSE
1533 North State Parkway
Chicago, Illinois
January 15th, 1946.

My dear Miss Pakelis:

I thank you very much for your congratulations and good wishes, and prayers of the thousands will bring me God’s

Sincerely yours in Christ, 
† Samuel A. Stritch
Archbishop of Chicago.
Miss Irene Pakelis, President Lithuanian Chicago Sodality Union, 4019 S. Artesian Ave. Chicago 32, Illinois.

We pray God’s blessings be with the Cardinal at all times.

Cardinal S. Stritch

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The pastor, Father J. Paulikonis, MIC, dropped in during the evening and seemed to have had a very wonderful time of it.

The next event on the Sodality calendar is a Variety Show some time in March. More about that later.

Bishop Bucys, M. I. C.
Entourage to The U. S.

CHICAGO. — His Excellency Bishop P. Bucys, MIC, Superior General of the Marian Fathers, is reported to have gotten final clearance for his voyage and is now on his way to the United States. Bishop Bucys is being accompanied by Rev. dr. I. Vaitkevicius, MIC, and is expected to arrive in about two weeks.

RESERVE SUNDAY March 3rd, 1946 for BRIGHTON PARK BVM SENIOR SODALITY Pre-Lenten Dance

at Darien Grecian Hall 4416 S. Western Ave. Music by JOHNNY WALKER and his ORCHESTRA Starting at 8 p. m.

Brighton K of L Presents 4-Act Play

CHICAGO. — The Knights of Lithuania Council 18 of the Immaculate Conception parish is presenting a hilarious 4-act comedy "Ponas Daugasazoris". Sunday eve., Feb. 24th, at the Immaculate Conception parish hall, 44th and California Ave.

The play will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dancing will follow immediately after the comedy. Besides the comedy, the newly reorganized K of L District Chorus will also make an appearance with a rendition of select Lithuanian musical numbers.

So if you want to forget your worries, take on a brighter outlook on things and swing and sway to the tunes of heavenly music, come out to the Immaculate Conception parish hall Sunday eve., Feb 24th.

Nylons Are Coming!

Little Spring "shoppers" of nylon stockings will be falling in retail stores, causing small mob scenes among the ladies. But the number available monthly should drop off within four to six months, manufacturers say.

When the industry reaches its stride, production will hit 30,000,000 pairs per month.

THEY PLOT GLOBAL APOSTOLATE

Rev. John P. Sullivan, S. J., of Boston, Director of the Department of Cooperation at the Jesuit Balferson School, Kingston, Jamaica, R. W. L. and Mary G. Dooring, Chief of the Cooperative Department of "The Queen’s Work," St. Louis, Socially central office for the United States and Canada, plan a little global strategy at the World Mission Institute, held at St. Louis University, during July and August.

The institute is an annual social order conference well attended by 33 missionaries all over the globe. (NC Photos)
February is Catholic Press Month, dedicated to propagandizing and making American Catholics better acquainted with their own publications and emphasizing the need for widespread recognition by them of the role that the Catholic Press is playing in their individual, local, national and international lives.

We will leave to others more able and gifted than we to analyze the results. Catholics should, in addition to following the secular press, also regularly read their own magazines and newspapers. We will content ourselves in this column on Catholic Press Month with a few suggestions as to the type of Catholic papers available today. Perhaps these brief comments, giving names, addresses and subscription rates will be of far greater practical value than the most exhaustive article we could possibly write.

THE LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC PRESS

American Lithuanian Catholics know that a considerable number of newspapers and magazines in their own language are being published for them. Many of them, however, do not know how to go about subscribing to any of these publications, even if they are interested in them. For their benefit, therefore, we are listing the following information:

**Dragna** — Daily — 2334 So. Oakley Avenue, Chicago 8, Ill. — $7.00 per year in Chicago, $6.00 per year outside Chicago.


**Amerika** — Weekly — 222 So. 9th St., Brooklyn, New York — $3.00 per year.

**Garsas** — Weekly — 73 E. South St., Wilkes-Barre, Penn. — $2.00 per year.

**Laivas** — Weekly — 2334 So. Oakley Ave., Chicago, 8, Ill. — $2.00 per year.

**Libertas Zines** — Weekly — 119 So. 22nd St., Pittsburgh, Pa. — $3.00 per year.

**Motery Dirva** — Monthly — 2056 W. 23rd St., Chicago 8, Ill. — $2.00 per year.

**Las Zines** — Quarterly — 3232 S. Halsted St., Chicago 8, Ill. — $1.00 per year.

**Sw. Franciskaus Varpello** — Monthly — Mount St. Francis, Greene, Maine — $2.00 per year.


**2-Vaigia** — Monthly — 480 East 7 St., South Boston 27, Mass. — $1.00 year.

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS

**The New Weekly** — Weekly — 109 No. Dearborn St., Chicago 2, Ill. — $2.50 per year.

For those living in the Archdiocese of Chicago, "The New World" is an absolute must. One of the finest, most complete, and most interesting diocesan newspapers published. It contains and interprets news from all over the world, and gives full coverage to Catholic activities in and around Chicago.

**America** — Weekly — 70 E. 45 St., New York, N. Y. — $6.00 per year.

The American Catholic Weekly Magazine. Edited by the Jesuit Fathers. Labor, politics, literature, drama, social questions — all interpreted by the best Catholic authorities in the world. Strongly, unashamedly pro-labor.

**Ave Maria** — Weekly — Notre Dame, Indiana — $3.00 per year.

We subscribe to this one just to read the editorials — one of the best of such feature articles and — if you care for it — fiction. Young readers department. Good poetry.

**The Catholic Digest** — Monthly — 55 E. Tenith St., St. Paul, Minn. — $3.00 per year.

Everyone is familiar with this one. The Monthly Catholic cream-of-the-crop from all magazines — in digested form. As indispensable to the average Catholic home as a Catholic calendar.

**Commonweal** — Weekly — 386 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y. — $5.00 per year. A "liberal" Catholic weekly. Sometimes makes an old "reactionary" throw off his hour glass, but we've never yet cancelled our subscription. Not heretical, by any means, but bends over backwards on some questions. You may disagree with the "Commonweal," but you can't ignore it. Very stimulating.

**The Catholic World** — Monthly — 411 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y. — $4.00 per year.


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This Book Turned Out To Be Quite An Expensive Literary Dud

SOME time ago M. G. M. announced that it would pay a cool hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars to Doubleday Publishers, who would select the novel. Recently the award was announced in a full page advertisement in the Chicago Tribune. The name of the novel "Before the Sun Goes Down". Reading the publishers rave notices of the novel and realizing that one hundred forty-five thousand was a must. If I didn’t read it within the next few weeks I’d have to realize my head in shame for not being up with the times. Did I realize the wise watch: she flashed around from a GOOD FRIEND, that could be the reason: HELEN CHAPAS and IRIS PAKELIS are expected to see their "One and Only" by March 3rd (remember Legion Hall, the girls new grooving dusk?)... Like the best for a novel... new title for certain group of girls, "THE THREE BLACK WINDOWS". No names can be mentioned but you’ll hear more of this group... Could the reason for MONICA (Mona) KASINSKAS not attending our new grooving this Feb 2nd and the love of her life is home!... HELEN JURKAS and SOPHIA ZUKAS were bridesmaids at a recent wedding and say yes, are you getting in practice to walk up that aisle in the near future...

BRIGHTON PARK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who have one this month and may you all have good wishes that we extend and many more of them... Congratulations to IRENE PETROVSKY and HELEN AGINYS who both got themselves engaged over the holidays. We sure hope you girls are happy and all the wonder in the world. The Chop Suey Party is past but still we have memories that we will hold with us for the future. We all had a good time and are sorry more girls didn’t show up...

HELEN PAULUS "SANTA" was really a good one and everyone had a great time. IRENE PAKELIS was our honored guest and I’m sure we all were well pleased with the idea. She sure was sparkling when the corsage was presented to her and we know you deserve it. Irene... EMILY PAUKSTIS was in a gay and happy mood, if I have to say I was wondering if she played for it, I feel bad about criticizing the wise... watch me speak afterward.

But I, and behold, what should strike my eye, as I turned back the preceding image (which I always do in reading newspapers or magazines) but a review of the very novel! What I read makes me wonder whether this fellow August Derleth who is reviewing our novel is sour on the world or honest. Notice that he is the author of an uprooting tale, I decided he must be honest.

The decision wasn’t easy to make, believe me. Not when you read the novel. It is a book with faults so grievous that any self-respecting novelist would discard it as the first draft. The book’s flaw, even if it were not considered as a novel are many and vast. The author’s style of writing is often nothing short of atrocious; her transitions are awkward, her characters are not thought and speech are about as real as cardboard cutouts; her dialect and speech patterns are very phony.

That, I said to myself, is as complete a job of stereotyping the skids under anyone as I have ever seen.

Thanks to you, Mr. Derleth for an honest review. I confer on you the degree of M. D. S. for that wonderful dissecting.

Yet it will be interesting to watch the office bus, the ravés of M. G. M. and Doubleday, on the other hand, will have on the general public. The trouble is that our people are too gullible, too ready to believe anything that is told that, be smart and investigate before you read. Be SMARTER-read Catholic books and magazines and you will be sure.

Johnnie Walker and his Orchestra and all the members of the Knights of Lithuania, Council 492, are in a state of elation. We’ve got a quotation that really rates an ovation. We’re gonna get groovin with our feature men at our Homecoming Dance on Saturday Night, 8:00 P. M. February 23 at the Michael J. Flynn Hall, 3236 West 63rd Ave. Admission is only Seventy-Five Cents.

Join in the fun scheduled for February 23rd. Help make this a real Homecoming Party for the boys.

dance, the affair was a huge success... A CHOP SUEY PARTY arranged by ANN VENSLOW and her Social Life Committee, was held in the Sodality Club Room on Tuesday, February 19, for the Holy Name Men and all the workers at the dance — in gratitude and appreciation for their unlimited cooperation.

The spiritual phase of our monthly meeting was very well presented by the Eucharistic Our Lady’s Committee Chairman. ADELE ABRAMOVICCIUS... This consisted of brief resumes of a few of the month’s experiences: the boys who were those of: ST. BRIDGET, who happens to be the patron saint of our Sodality’s ADOPTED CHINESE BABY.... Others were those of ST. BLASE and Our Lady of Lourdes. A request was made to send reservations for the Lithuanian Sodality Union Retreat to be held in Warrenville, Ill., at the Consortium of the Console on March 8, 9, & 10.

HELEN ADOMAITIS and VIRGINIA BALNIS were selected as representatives to wish in the Queen’s court for the SODALITY UNION MAY CROWNING which will be held on May 5 at Brighton Park... PRAYERS FOR LITHUANIA were requested and in them not least, plans are being made for a PARISH SODALITY NEWSPAPER with a possibility of the first issue coming out on the first of March.
LITHUANIAN DAILY FRIEND
Friday, February 22, 1946

PRESENTING THIS MONTH’S OUTSTANDING GIRL SOCIALIST

Virginia Balnis
Prefect of St. George Parish Sodality (Bridgeport) and the Lith. Sodality Union, Vice-Prefect.

Born in Chicago on May 4, 1924, Virginia Balnis received her parochial education at Providence of God, St. Anthony’s and St. George’s Schools. Upon graduation from St. George, she completed her four years high school at St. Francis College in Baltimore where she also played the violin in the orchestra.

After 1 1/2 years of work at the well known Public Accountant’s Office, namely, Mr. Joseph P. Varka, she specialized in accounting at Northwestern University for a year; then transferred to De Paul University where she is still attending. She expects to complete her studies within another year.

Besides doing accounting for various firms, Virginia also maintains bookkeeping records for her parents who own a bakery on 35th and

dry, uninteresting, preachy and forever begging for money, does not utilize how he mistaken he is and what he is missing. Catholic Today, is growing up, modern and streamlined. It not only compares favorably with anything the secular press has to offer; it surpasses it in many respects.

The Catholic Church does not demand of her members that they throw out of their homes on every occasion a newspaper which is not 100% Catholic in tone. By all means, read the secular press in order to keep informed about what is going on in the world. But do not starve your mind and soul by reading strictly to a secular diet. Read Catholic newspapers to enrich your understanding to broaden your outlook and to be able to interpret and judge everything about you by the only reliable standard mankind can find, the Truth, as taught by the Man Who knew what He was talking about, because He is its only Source.

Union — Helps out in the store. — Does secretarial and bookkeeping work for the parish. — Attends the various committee meetings in the Sodality and the Sodality Union.

As a member of St. George Sodality since 1942, Virginia has held the Offices of Our Lady’s Committee Chairman for four years and did splendid work as Treasurer.

A good movie, or a game of bowling are her favorite forms of relaxation.

Cooperative at all times, energetic, congenial, “happy-go-lucky” and with a pleasing personality, she is well thought of by all.

To top it off, with Income Tax time approaching, our problem concerners the “eyebrow headaches” are solved by Virginia’s patient assistance.

TO ALL K OF L’ERS!

All K. of L. Councils are requested to notify Miss Virginia Kvitikas, 4746 So. Paulina Ave., Secretary of the Chicago District organi¬

ization, no later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th, as to how many of their members will participate in the traditional K. of L. St. Casimir Day rites at St. Michael’s church on March 3rd.

(FR. JULIAN, from page 2) tense that really carried a punch: “The more faith I have in chance, the less can I have in God and myself”. That is the trouble with fortune tel¬

ing, it is just a question of chance — what will she guess about my future. Consulting fortune tellers is as much a vice as drinking or smoking. But where the latter dulls the senses, the former shuts out all hope in Christ and His grace and forces its pitiful victim into a life full of hopeless de¬

spair and a never ending search for happiness from one fortune teller to another. Could be…

DO N’T MISS

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and

WED, March 27th

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